

Expansion of secondary education

†3375. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme for expansion of secondary education is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the outlines of this scheme; and

(c) the manner in which the children who were imparted elementary education after implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will receive secondary education facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government is committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible & affordable to all young persons. a concept paper for implementing a scheme on universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education throughout the country has been prepared, with the objective to provide access to secondary schools within a reasonable distance of habitation, to improve the quality of education at the secondary stage and to reduce disparity. A budget provision has also been made during the year 2007-08.

Modern education in Madarsas

3376. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any scheme for implementation of modern education in Madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from States for setting up of such institutions; and

(d) if so, whether Government would provide financial assistance for setting up of such minority educational institutes?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme for Modernisation of Madarsas since 1993. In the Xth Plan this has been merged with the Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities. Under this, assistance is given to volunteering Madarsas for teaching modern subjects like science, mathematics and social studies besides for establishing modern libraries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Foreign aid for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3377. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign aid received during the last three years for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

(b) the details of the share out of foreign aid spent on SSA in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to introduce District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in Himachal Pradesh to acquire the permanent literacy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The year-wise foreign funding utilised for financing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	External Funding Reimbursement received
2004-05	1047.65
2005-06	2341.98
2006-07	1091.61
TOTAL:	4481.24